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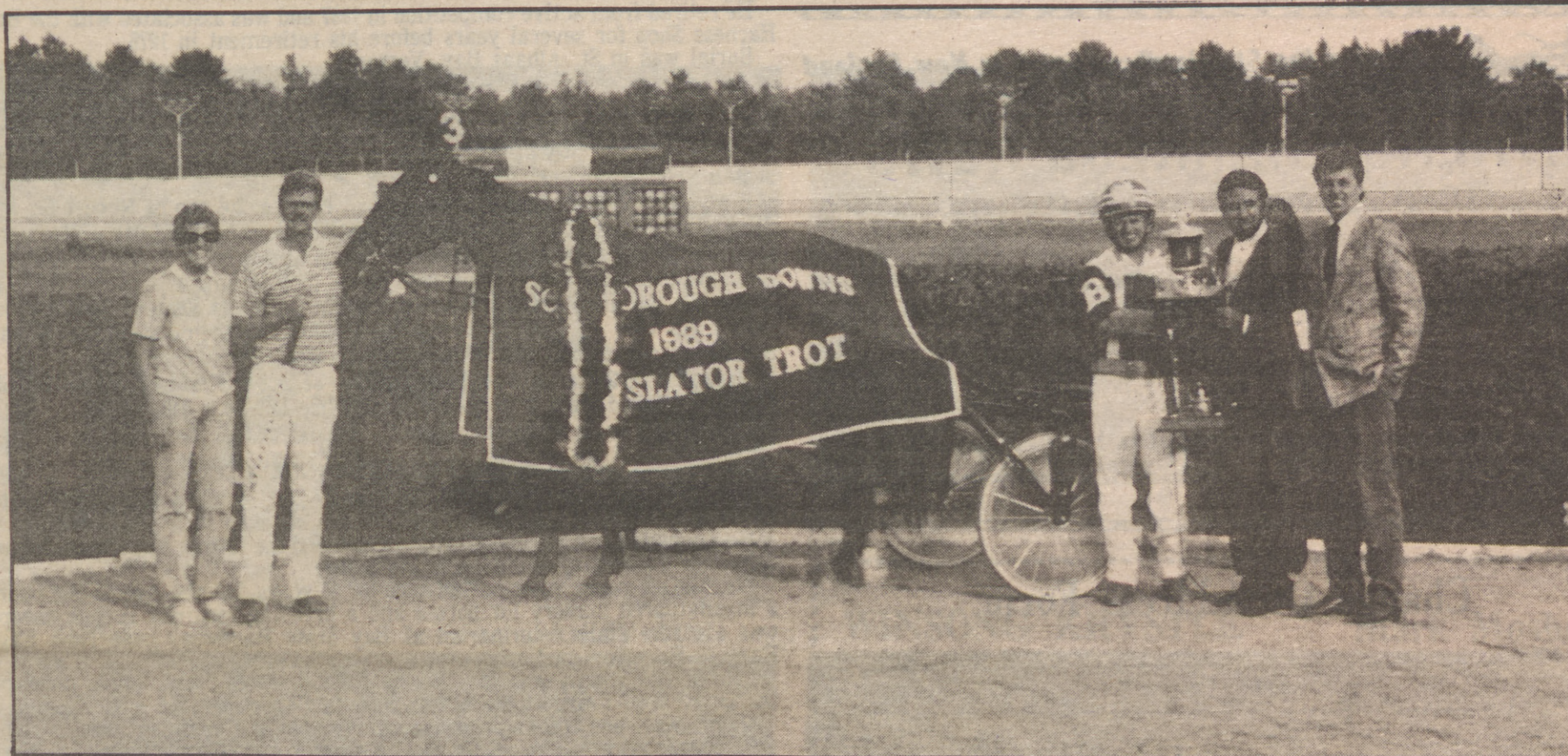
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Super Speedy in the Scarborough winners circle after a mile in 1:58.2 in the Legislator Trot.

## SUPER SPEEDY UPSETS IN LEGISLATOR

By K.C. JOHNSON

Super Speedy (Speedy Crown — Embraceable You) stunned a sensational field of eight trotters to score in the Sixth annual Legislator Trot, held at the Downs on Sunday afternoon, July 23. In the process, the Bert Belanger — driven entry set a seasonal record for aged trotting geldings on a half-mile track and equaled the world record (1:58.2) for the same age and gait.

The field unquestionably ranked as the finest ever assembled for the Legislator: it included Scenic Regal, the 1987 and 1988 Aged Trotting Mare of the year and the perennial powerhouse of Yonkers; Free Token, Freestate's and Pompano's top trotter; Lodestar Lobell, who the week before had taken an elimination heat of the Maple Leaf Trot; and Kit Lobell, a top trotter from the Jan Johnson stable. The race did not

go as expected. Warm Toast and Joe Scorsone, 1:55.2 winners in their previous start, figured to battle Quebec-shipper Kangaroo Grade for the early lead, but Warm Toast made a break before the start and was never a factor, while Serge Turenne opted to take Kangaroo Grade back early. This allowed Kit Lobell to speed to the lead from the rail for Berndt Lindstedt, parking Joe Pavia and Free Token to the quarter pole in 28.1. This effectively took the sting out of Free Token, who began to fade even as the field stepped off the top corner, taking Lodestar Lobell, who had been parked behind her for the entire race, and Kangaroo Grade, who had belatedly shifted into the outside flow, out of the race. Past the half in 57.1 (the fastest initial half in Legislator history), Kit Lobell was

comfortably in control, with longshots Jersey Blizzard and Super Speedy sitting second and third on the rail behind her.

As the field entered the backstretch for the final time, the wily Harold Story rushed through an opening towards the inside which did not appear to exist, and moved Scenic Regal, who had trotted second to last past the half, into contention. Story's move forced Belanger to shift into the outer tier to get past an overmatched Jersey Blizzard, but though Super Speedy had claimed second by three-quarters in 1:28, the breather that Kit Lobell had received in the third panel seemed enough. Urged by Lindstedt, Kit Lobell accelerated around the final turn, amassing a seemingly insurmountable three-length lead, with Super Speedy

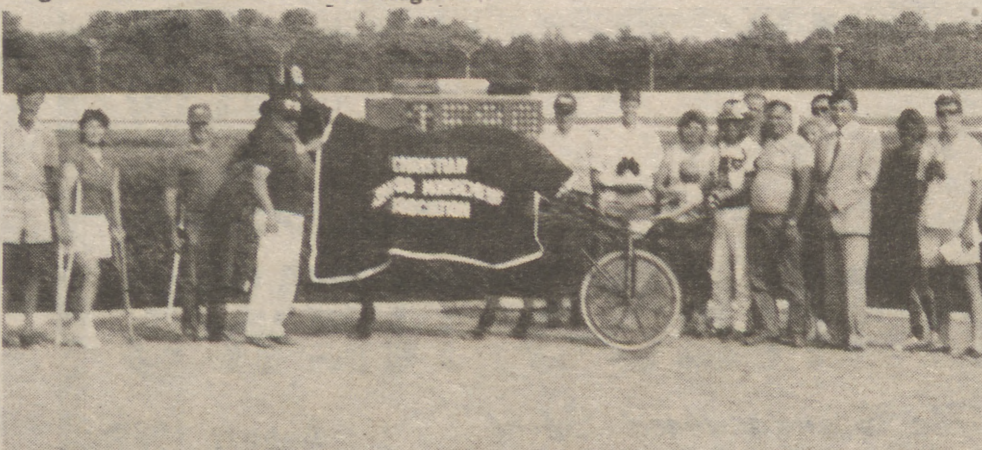
emerging as the only competition as it became clear that pre-race favorite Scenic Regal lacked any late rally. In mid-stretch, Kit Lobell still appeared the winner, but Super Speedy overtook her with a burst of speed in the final yards to get up by a length. Kit Lobell held second, while Kangaroo Grade, who had lost several lengths due to a three-wide move around the clubhouse turn and probably trotted the most impressive mile of the bunch, nipped Jersey Blizzard for third. The remainder of the field included Scenic Regal, Lodestar Lobell, Free Token, and Warm Toast. Super Speedy returned \$51.20 to win, the most in Legislator history, and with his triumph the Downs and the Legislator Trot entered the record books of the sport nationally.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 1 — Skowhegan Extended (Stakes racing Tues.-Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.)
- Aug. 4 — International Trot Sale — The Meadowlands 1:00 P.M.
- AUG 4 — The Sophomore Series — \$3000. at Scarborough Downs.
- Aug. 5 — The Hambletonian at the Meadowlands.
- Aug. 7 — Topsham Fair — Breeders Stakes racing (2 yr. olds only) Mon. & Tues.
- Aug. 10 — Northern Maine Fair — Breeders Stakes racing (3 yr. olds only) Thurs. & Fri.
- Aug. 10 — Skowhegan State Fair opener.
- Aug. 11 — The Sophomore Series — \$3000. Scarborough Downs.

- Aug. 15 — Maine Breeders Stakes at Scarboro Downs — Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
- Aug. 18 — The Sophomore Series — \$3000. Scarborough Downs.
- Aug. 22 — Maine Breeders Stakes — Scarborough Downs (Two yr. olds - Tues. & Wed. only)
- Aug. 24 — Union Fair — Maine Breeders Stakes (Three yr. olds — Thurs. & Fri. only)
- Aug. 25 — The Sophomore Series — \$3000. Scarborough Downs.
- Aug. 29 — Windsor Fair — Maine Breeders Stakes racing (Tues., Wed. Thurs., Fri.)





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## OBITUARIES

### CLELAN A. JONES

Clelan A. Jones, 73, died Sunday, July 16th at his home in Derry, New Hampshire after a lengthy illness. Born in Pierceton, Quebec, Canada, he came to the United States when he was 5 years old. He was a leading trainer and driver in the 50's and 60's being well known on the New England circuit of Foxboro Raceway and Rockingham Park. He also had success at the New York and New Jersey tracks. Winters were spent in Wilmington, No. Carolina. He got his start in racing with his father who raced a modest stable throughout New England. After these early lessons he moved on to work for the well known Jess Brown stable in Maine. Later he went with the Cris O'Donnell stable then opened his own public stable. For many years he raced the powerful C.D. Higgins stable of Windsor, Conn. also the Elmer Jackson horses of Long Island, N.Y. Some of his more noted horses being pacers, Guy Sampson, Poker Chip, and Edith's Choice who became a top broodmare. Trotters, King Christian, Genius, and Queen's Dane. He was leading driver at the 1960 Spring meet at Rockingham Park and went on to enjoy one of his best years. Much of his success he attributed to his top groom, wife, Lila.

He retired from active competition in 1967 and was associated with the Batson Harness Shop for several years before his retirement in 1976.

Burial was in St. Albans Bay, Vermont.

### ROBERT G. SEWELL III

FOXBORO — Robert G. Sewell III, 27, of 20 Goldman Road, a former Franklin resident, died recently at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, from injuries sustained in a car accident in Foxboro on May 13.

Born April 9, 1962, in Norwood, Mass., he was the son of Robert G. Jr. and Jacqueline (Ruggles) Sewell of Foxboro, with whom he lived. He is also survived by a brother, Gregson of Foxboro.

He resided in Franklin for many years, moving to Foxboro ten years ago.

He was the assistant manager of the Carroll Sport Shop in Norfolk for two years. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, a member of the Wrentham Sportsmen's Club and the Walpole Sportsmen's Club.

He was a 1979 graduate of Foxboro High School and trained horses for Sharlu Stable. Included were 2:00 horses Kash Wise and Skir Dhu.

Burial will be in Franklin, Mass.

### DR. FRANCIS MCGEE JR.

MARLBORO — Dr. Francis W. McGee Jr., 66, of 339 Boston Post Road died recently in Marlboro Hospital after he was stricken ill at his home.

He graduated from Marlboro High School and the former Middlesex University School of Veterinary Medicine in Waltham.

Mr. McGee was a veterinarian here for 45 years. He also owned and operated a Standardbred nursery for horses and a breeding farm for Suffolk sheep. He was also the state veterinarian at Bay State Raceway, later New England Harness Raceway, in Foxboro.

"He helped you in any way that he could," states Steve Quinn, director for the Division of Fairs at the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.

Quinn described the veterinarian as a strong and confident man.

"Doc was very outspoken. He spoke his mind, and he wasn't afraid of people," Quinn said. "He spoke from his heart."

He handled animals with equal strength.

"You'd never see him back out of a stall if a horse got a little wild," Quinn said with a chuckle.

Although Dr. McGee was traditional in some respects, he was quite modern in others, said Quinn, "He was not negative about future and progress."

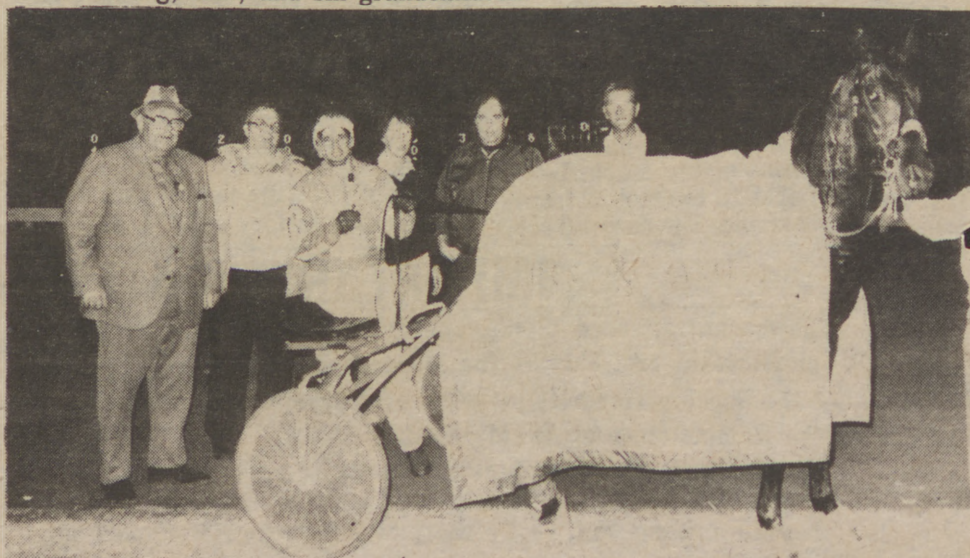
Quinn recalled that when Tufts University began its Veterinary School in Grafton, Dr. McGee supported the idea.

Dr. McGee served 15 years on the Massachusetts Standardbred Agricultural Fairs and Breeding Fund Committee. The committee is an advisory board that oversees state funds to standardbred farms.

Dr. McGee also was president of the Massachusetts Standardbred Owners and Breeders and president of the Boston Poultry Association.

Beyond the associations and the committees, Dr. McGee was a genuine old-fashioned veterinarian. His work reflected his concern for animals.

He leaves his wife, Dr. Virginia (Dorsay) McGee, two sons, Francis W. McGee III and Dr. Terrence D. McGee, both of Marlboro; a daughter, Valthea Fry of Gaithersburg, Md.; and six grandchildren.



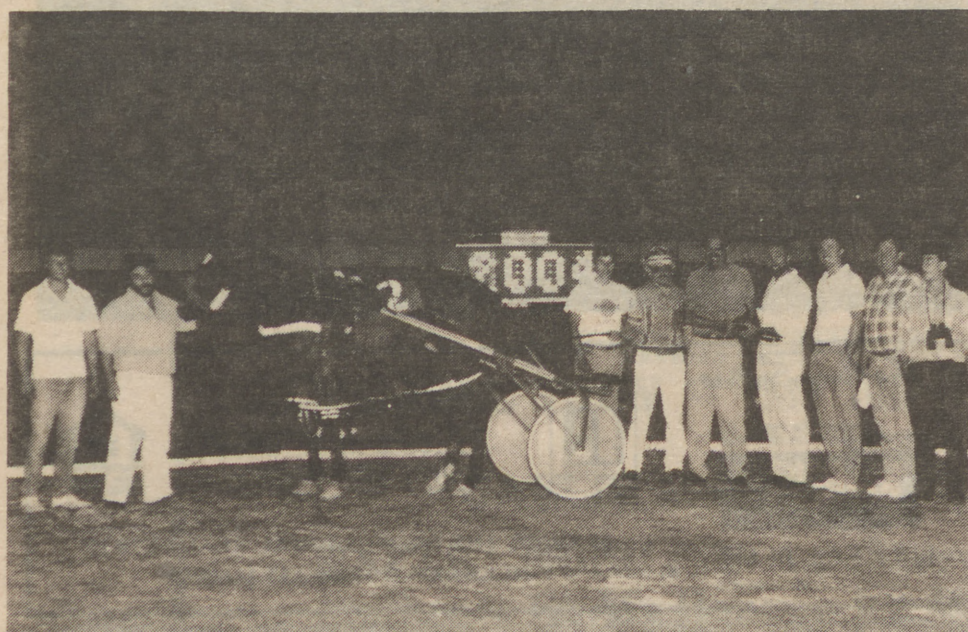
Dr. Francis McGee (left) in the winners circle at Foxboro Raceway with trotter Brooklyn PLD by his stallion Roman Key.



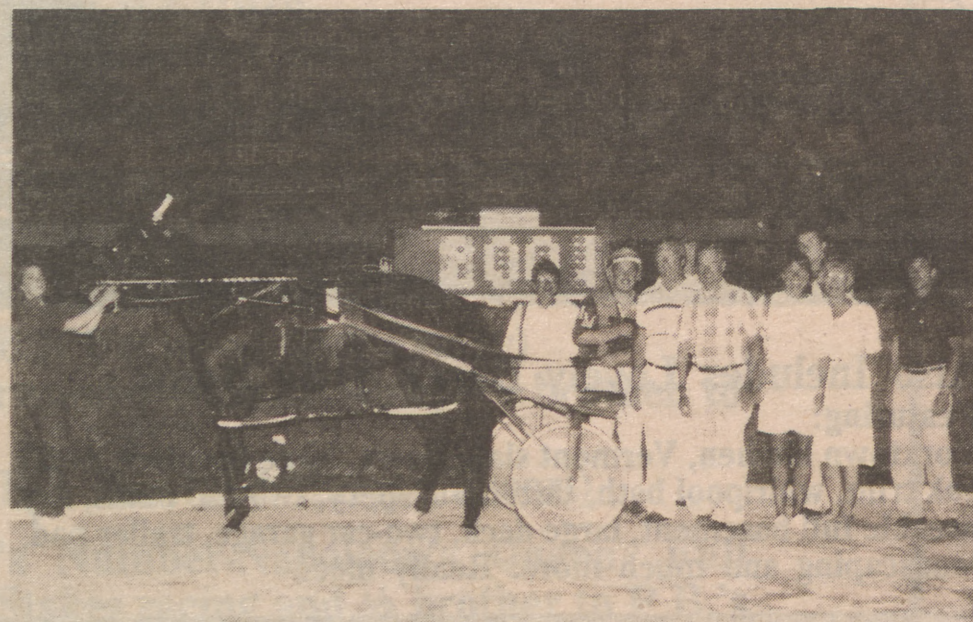
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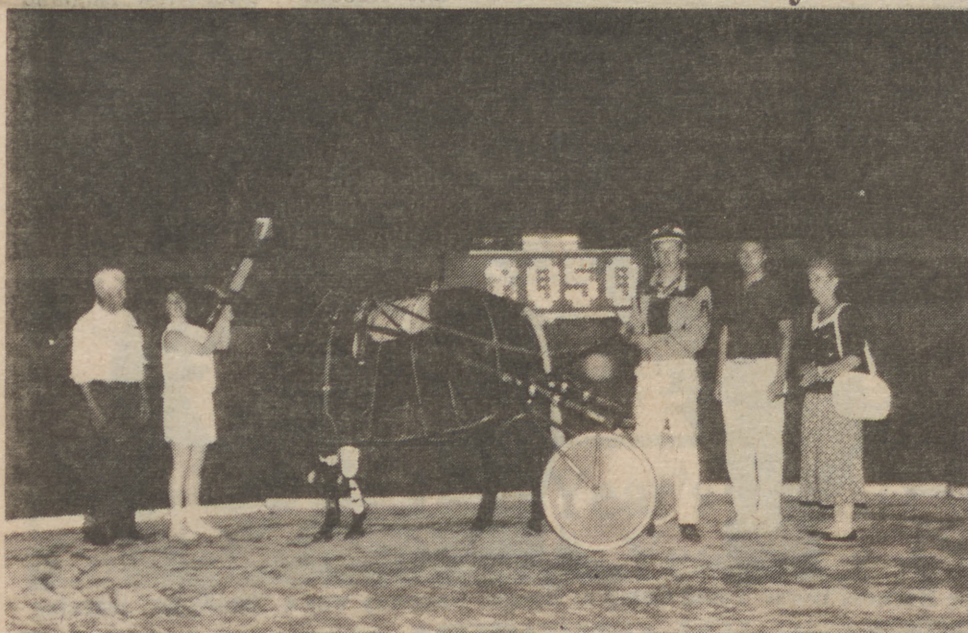
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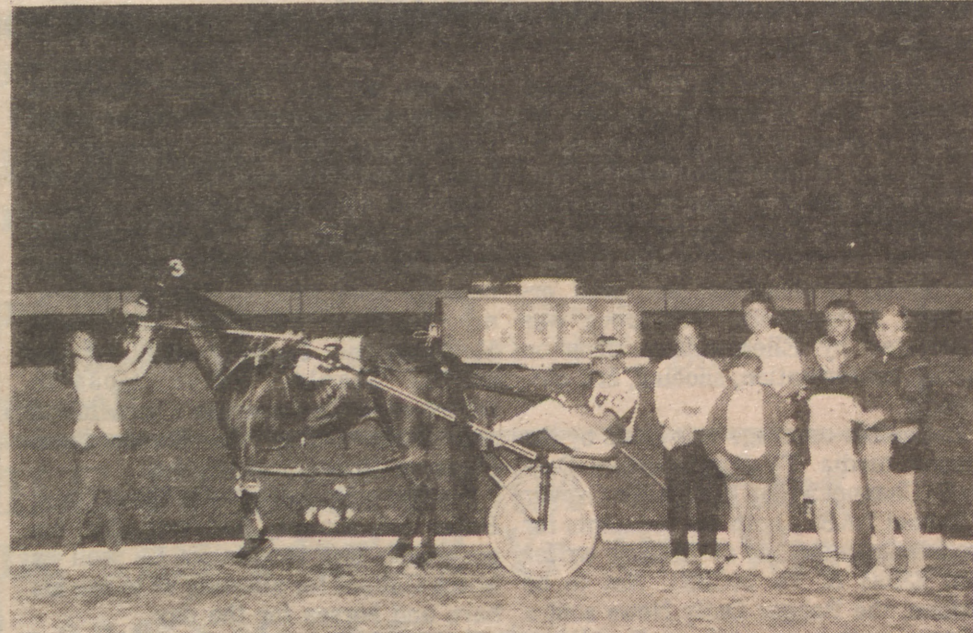
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7/15 7/29	MY BILL ZAK	2:00.4
7/29	FIRST CLASS BILL	2:02

### Three Year Old Fillies:

7/14 7/28	WINSONG KRYSTLE	2:00.1
7/21	MAEWOOD	2:01

### Two Year Old Colts:

7/26	MY BILL OLLIE	2:06.4
7/19	MY BILL ALI	2:09.1

### Two Year Old Fillies:

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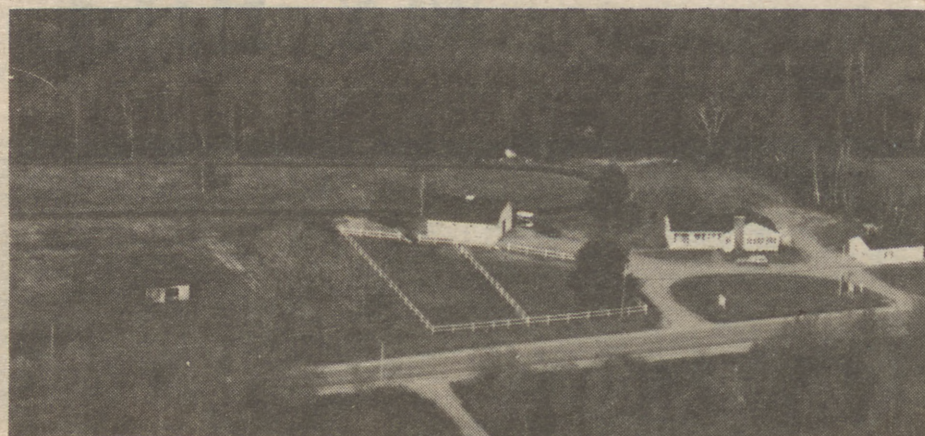
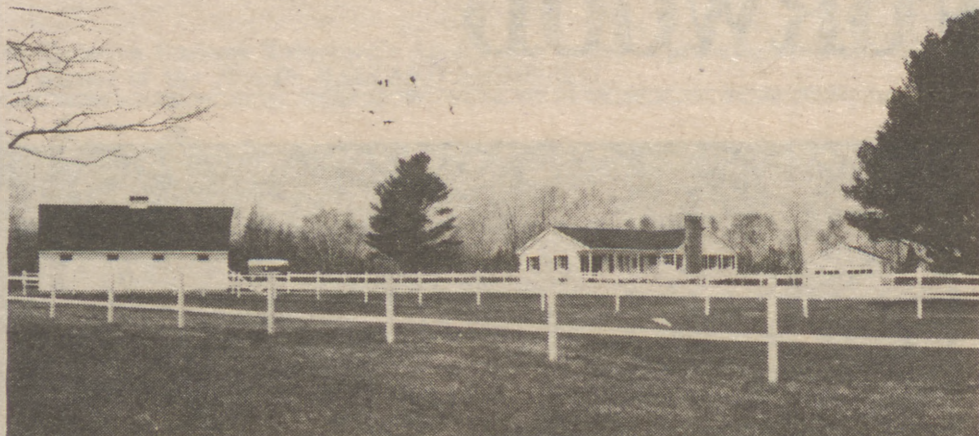
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## Youth Camp At Bangor

By Audrey Gerry

The Harness Horse Youth Foundation Summer Camp at Bangor Raceway on July 10. A group of 29 was in attendance for the day of instruction and games.

Charlotte Maurer, executive director of HHYF and Ellen Taylor, camp coordinator, deserve much credit for their completely professional and well organized performance. The group was captivated by Ellen's discussions on racing, conformation, shoeing, and harnessing.

Incredible coverage was given by the Bangor media. TV Sportscasters Dale Duff (Channel 2-NBC) and Allen Grover (Channel 7-ABC) both did segments for the evening news, as did feature writer Dan Ellias of TV 5(CBS). Not to be undone, the Bangor Daily News sent a feature writer as well as Ken Ward from the sports department.

Jason Brewer, son of trainer-driver Jeffrey Brewer, stole the show when the television lights came on. Not the

slightest bit shy, Jeff may be called upon to give instruction to some older trainers and drivers who "clam-up" in front of the cameras. He'll do a great interview when he's older!

Representing the Maine Breeder's were Jean Childs, Dick Hartley, and myself - along with one future trainers, my daughter Stephanie and Katie McMann and Becky Landry of the Childs Stable. Helen Gossom represented the horseman's association and Robin Cuffey the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization.

I would personally like to thank Owen Butler of Bangor Raceway for his generosity and hospitality, as well as Mitch Gallant for allowing us to use his barn and horses for the day.

It is always a great pleasure to deal with people who operate in a professional, friendly manner and I hope to have the opportunity to work with all of these people again.



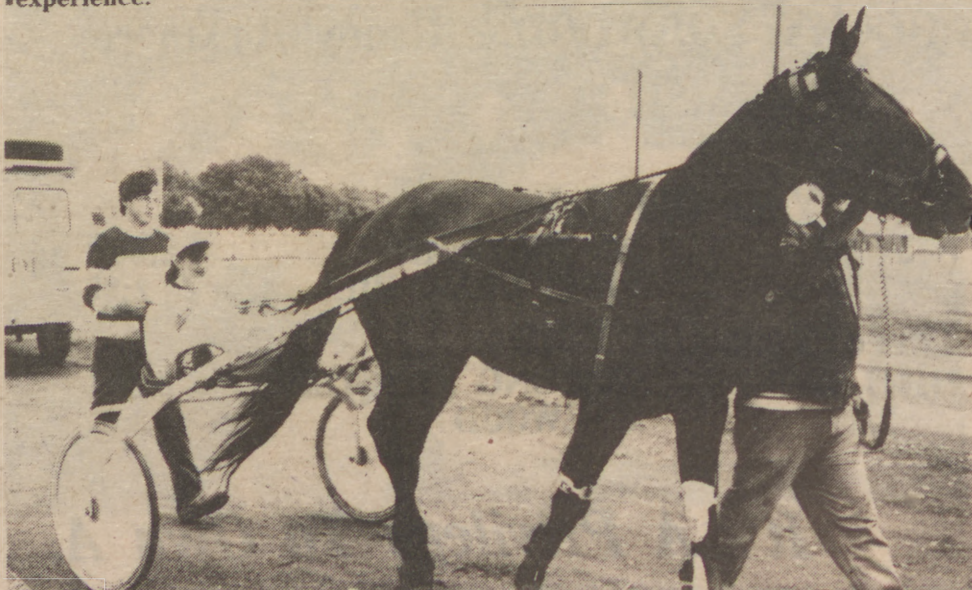
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## Fillies

DEBBIE JEAN — (Startross-Jinny Forwood) Full sister to My Bill Forwood.

GAELIC TROUBLE — (Sheryl's Number-Tourterelle) Full sister to Winsong Sapphire p.2,2:07h

GAELIC ANGEL — (Sheryl's Number-Arnie's Annie)

GAELIC DREAM — (Sheryl's Number-Dreamy Susan)

## Colts

MY BILL ROGER — (My Bill Forwood-Mainstream) Full brother to 2 yr. old Stakes Winner My Bill Ali

MY BILL JEFF (My Bill Forwood-Girl Friday)

MY BILL TROY — (My Bill Forwood-Domestic Aide) ½ brother to Bangor p.2,2:02.2.

GAELIC MAGIC — (My Bill Forwood-Margie Escort)

GAELIC NOBILITY — (Sheryl's Number-Napoleon's Queen) Full brother to Oh My Honey p.2,2:09. Stakes racing and ½ brother to P.B.'s Nicci p.3,2:01h. racing in 3 yr old stakes

GAELIC DEMON — (Tell Me When-Delcrest Barb) 2nd foal out of this tough trotting mare.

ROMANO'S BEST — (Romano Hanover-Namahanna) Last Romano Hanover colt out of a proven stakes producer. His ½ 2 yr. old sister Gaelic Nicci racing in stakes.

GAELIC LEGEND — (Skip By Night-Lovely's Miss) His full 2 yr. old sister has a mark of 2:04.4h and he is eligible to N.Y. Sire Stakes.

GAELIC MEDIES — (Skip By Night-Meadow Shinning) N.Y. Sire Stakes colt.

**From Last Year's CEAD MILE FAILTE FARM Yearling Consignment Of 12 Yearlings Came This Year's 2 Yr. Old Winners!**

MERIDITH MY BELLE — p.2,2:06.1 Me. stakes winner

GAELIC LOVER — p.2,2:04.2h. N.Y. Sire Stakes Winner

GAELIC NICCI — Racing in Me. Sire Stakes

OH MY HONEY — p.2,2:09 Racing in Me. Sire Stakes

WINSONG SAPPHIRE — p.2,2:07 Racing in Me. Sire Stakes

GAELIC ARNELLE — p.2,2:05h Racing

GAELIC CHRISSY — Stakes placed in Me. Sire Stakes

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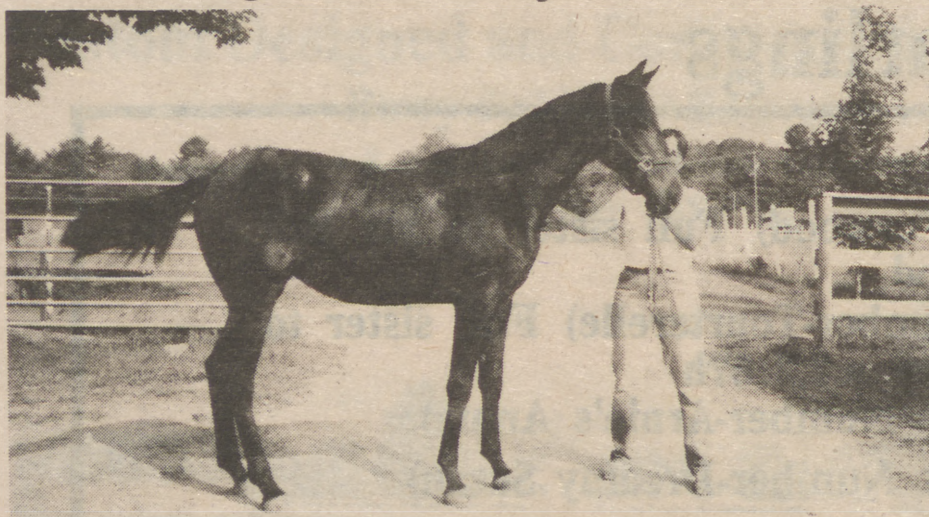
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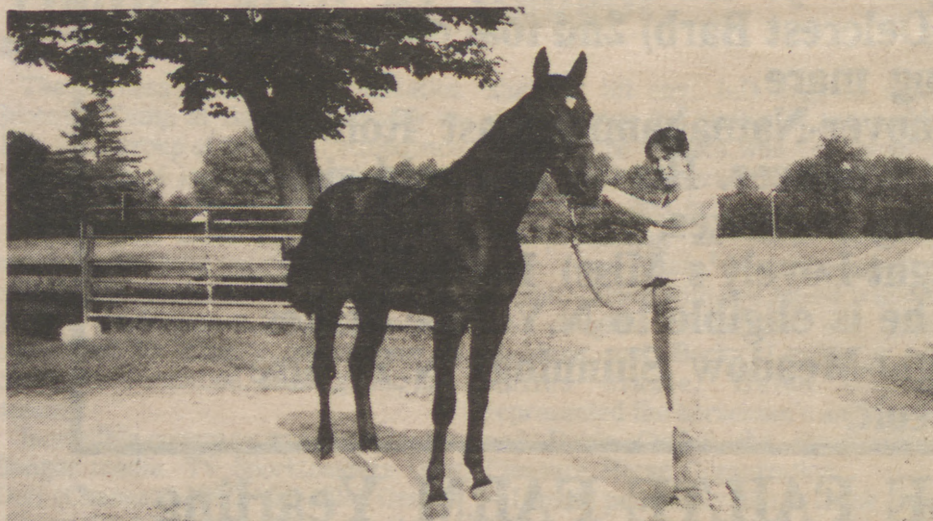


### MISS WIND SONG Bay Filly 4/88

Dam: Taxette by Songcan 1:58.3h out of Miss Windy Jamie 2:07.2h by Jamie 1:59.2.

This mare was a New York Sire Stakes winner as a two year old in 2:08.4 with a lifetime record of 2:04.3h and \$62,877 in earnings.

She is a full sister to the Invitational Trotter, Frankenshaw 2:01.1h and a half sister to Noble Wind 2:01.2.



### KATELYN'S MELODY Bay Filly 4/88

Dam: Melsong Rainbow by Songcan 1:58.3h out of Melody Rainbow 2, 2:08.2 by Stars Pride 1:57.1

This mare was stakes placed in the New York Sire Stakes as a two year old and has a lifetime record of 2:05 with \$47,442 in earnings.

She is a half sister to the producer My Speedy Rainbow and the racehorses Melscoot Rainbow and Mr. Bagel.

Both of these outstanding fillies will be paid up in the major stakes including the Breeders Crown.

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## Standardbred Pleasure Horse News

We had a beautiful day and a great turn out for our annual S.P.H.O. horse show.

Twenty standardbreds participated with a good mix of "old and new" faces. The show included nine "standardbred only" classes as well as open trail, jumping, games, driving and pleasure classes. It was quite a sight to see 15 standardbreds together in many of the classes.

Some of the new faces there included Bobbi McAdoo with "Sadie Ho," Lisa Mills with "Kinky," Cyndie Wood with "French Onion Soup," Nancy Smith with "Cunning Connie," Vicki Coyne

with "Special Kay" and Jennifer Thibideau with "Thva Winner."

Kimberly Blaze (Robyn Cuffey) and Contessa Teresa (Karen Bonnell) battled it out for high point for the day with Kimberly Blaze coming out ahead. Dee Behuriak with "Larry's Image" was high point youth and Erin Crommie with "Bucky T" was reserve.

Our drill team is starting practice for our performance at the Attitash Equine Festival Aug. 19 at 9:00 am. Practices are held at the Hollis Equestrian Park on Rt. 5 if anyone would like a sneak preview.

S.P.H.O. show, highpoint winner, Robyn Cuffey on KIMBERLY BLAZE.



## M.S.B.O.A. Summer Meeting

The summer M.S.B.O.A. meeting was held at Happy Jacks in Lewiston on July 31st.

Members in attendance voted to support the S.P.H.O. with another donation as this group does an extremely good job placing retired Standardbreds.

It was announced that M.S.B.O.A. director, Jerry Smith, will conduct a fall workshop on researching Standardbred pedigrees.

Scarborough Downs President, Joseph Ricci addressed the group advising those present of a winter seminar addressing funding and reorganization of the M.S.B.S.

Following the review of the results of

the recent poll conducted by the M.S.B.O.A. it was voted to accept qualifying times as presented for Stakes pacers & trotters.

After much debate the group voted to reduce the proposed fee schedule on starting fees.

Vice-president Audrey Gerry reminded those present that teenagers are still needed for the 4H Youth Project.

Henry Jackson, the Fair Stakes Coordinator, will attempt to post entries of upcoming stakes races at the tracks and will also announce the draw

An enjoyable social hour and buffet preceded this annual Summer meeting.



Scarborough president, Joseph Ricci addresses M.S.B.O.A. members at the recent meeting.





Trainer George Gilmour and Dexter Nukes get a helping hand from Josie DeSimone.

## The Big Fellow At Home At The Mighty M

MONTICELLO - Harness racing has been good to George Gilmour. The veteran Monticello Raceway horseman has reined over 1750 winners and earned purses in excess of \$4-million in his career which began back in the 1950's. But now at age 54 Gilmour is enjoying success that most only dream about. He has the best 3-year-old paces in North America and the leading money winning horse on the continent this year in Dexter Nukes.

The big strapping son of No Nukes is fresh off a 1:51.3 triumph in the \$852,000 Meadowlands Pace and "The Big Fellow" as Gilmour calls him, has amassed over \$837,000 already this season for owner Thomas A. Dexter of Upper Saddle River, NJ. A few weeks prior to that victory the colt won the New Jersey Pacing Classic taking home the lion's share of the \$500,000 purse offered.

Gilmour knows good horses; he's had plenty of them in his lengthy career. One's like Hail To Bret, Mountain Elk, Maxines Dream and Giacomo, just to name a few. But Dexter Nukes—he's something else! Currently sophomore pacer has 15 wins, 2 seconds and 1 third in 20 starts. And he's getting better each week. "I know stabling him at Monticello is doing him a world of good," Gilmour said. "The cool nights; the fresh air; good green grass and the quiet surroundings suit the big fellow just fine. Don't forget, when Niatross was champion he used Monticello as a home base too."

Being too good to race at the Mighty M, Gilmour ships him to his stakes engagements. Asked whether shipping bothers Dexter Nukes Gilmour replied: "So far it's been no problem. He's a good shipper and we always move him a couple of days in advance of his race." With only one start as a 2-year-old, he finished out of the money — the No Nukes colt is the fastest 3-year-old who had no record at two.

Dexter Nukes started his sophomore campaign slowly. Even Gilmour didn't realize what he had. "When I started with him last fall at Pompano Park he was awkward and clumsy." George recalled. "He was on the lazy side, too.

Why you even had to keep after him when he was jogging." According to George, Dexter Nukes winter training sessions didn't differ much from that of any other horse. And by February he was ready to qualify. "Honestly, the first time I qualified him at Pompano I wasn't sure how good he'd be," Gilmour admitted. "So I took him off the gate back to last and sat there most of the way. But when I pulled him at the three-quarter pole he passed everyone and went on to win in 2:03. I was impressed with his 30 second last quarter, however."

Gilmour drove him the same way in his initial start, sitting back off the pace then charging by the competition winning in 2:00. "I said to myself this is a pretty nice horse after that win," Gilmour recalled. "But even then I didn't realize the calibre of the big fellow."

Victories came almost at will during the remainder of the Pompano meeting as Gilmour handed the lines to Bruce Ranger who drove Nukes to eight victories including a 1:56 romp in the \$40,000 Pompano Beach Pace. With that victory Dexter Nukes gained some national attention and left Florida with 9 wins in 11 starts.

Once up north Gilmour started his colt at the Meadowlands and after a few early losses he put Dexter Nukes into the capable hands of his nephew, the talented John Campbell. At that point a good horse became a champion. "The day I realized he was a champion," Gilmour said, "was when Johnny won with him on the front-end in 1:52.2 about a month ago." The big money followed when the Campbell-Dexter Nukes team scored in the Jersey Classic and then in the big one, the Meadowlands Pace. With his latest triumph Dexter Nukes is ranked as one of the top three horses racing in North America, and on many polls he's number one. "We've plenty more stakes races lined-up for the big fellow," Gilmour said. "But the one I'd like most to win would be the \$300,000 Slutsky here in early October."

And for sure all at the Mighty M feel that way too.



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2. The eight highest money winners of the eliminations will be eligible to the \$6,000 final. Two also eligibles will be selected from the next highest money winners but will be eligible to start in the \$4,000 final. If a starter is scratched from the \$6,000 division the also eligible shall be withdrawn from the second division and any also eligible in the second division shall be moved in his place. In the event of a tie in any of the final events, the starter will be drawn by lot.
3. Each event to be a one mile dash.
4. Declarations shall be made by 9 A.M. Monday, September 11.
5. No stable entries shall be allowed in the finals. Stable entries are allowed provided there are sufficient divisions to accommodate the entries.
6. Management reserves the right to carry divisions to the next racing day. Management also reserves the right to number the divisions that will be contested Thursday, September 14th.
7. All horses must meet the qualifying standards of the meet.
8. All horses entered must have started at least two times in their last three starts for a claiming price of \$1,200 or less. Mares allowed 20%, three and four year olds 50 and 25%. Subject to 72 overnight condition change.
9. Horses that have raced for less than \$1,000 claiming price, (mares allowed 20%) may be accepted by the race secretary if in his judgment they are competitive.
10. Horses claimed from this series shall be permitted to start in subsequent dashes of the series for 20% more than price claimed for.
11. Every horse claimed from this series shall race in the interest and account of the owner who declared it in the first event but the title of the claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant from the time the word go is given in the first heat or dash (N.H. Rule RA 406-3 Sec. 1).
12. Horses that are also eligible shall be permitted to start in any dash of the series where a horse is scratched. He may be withdrawn from any other dash he may be declared to start.
13. All entries shall be drawn by their preference date and shall be drawn by lot deciding the division to be raced in and the also eligibles.
14. All horses declared to go on September 14th must complete the series unless excused by the Presiding Judge. All entries will be declared back by the Race Secretary for all remaining events.
15. Each division shall race for the advertised purse that date. Purses breakdown 50/25/12/8/5% all events.
16. When the first leg of the series is preferred and drawn no other entries may start in any event later in the series.
17. In order to give all eligible horses a start in the series as many divisions as necessary to accommodate them will be scheduled at the advertised purse. No division will be scheduled with less than six starters.
18. In the event that an insufficient number of entries are received to contest this series the management reserves the right to establish another series of races or to race one race for the total amount of \$15,000.

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We welcome all new fans and our super regular supporters to the 16th running of the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes races. It is with great pleasure that we, as owners, breeders, trainers, drivers, grooms and track management, extend to you the invitation to watch the growth and progress of our young standardbred stars as they grow from babies to mature racehorses before our eyes. As with children going through adolescence, we are proud parents one day and frustrated parents the next - but, like all nurturing parents, we never stop loving our babies or our sport.

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## Red Hats To Some New Winners

By JEAN CHILDS

Week I of the 1989 MSBS three year old competition was run at Bangor Raceway July 13, 14, and 15.

Winsong Krystle, the stick-out filly of 1988, got into the swing of things with a win in 2:05.4 in one division of the 3 year olds, while a new face, Charlie's Gremlin, took the other race, 2:05.3.

Steph's Magic and My Bill Zak won the three year old colts divisions, in 2:03 and 2:02.2 respectively.

In the three year old trotting group, Bunny R beat out Oakley in 2:11.1, while a green unraced Tryst Spectator took the other heat in a good 2:08.4

Week 2 will see the three year olds back at Bangor along with the first series of the two year old stakes horses, Wednesday through Saturday.

## 1989 MSBS Update

### Week II - Bangor 7/19 - 7/22/89

Wednesday, July 19 saw G.M.'s Spring and Terisse Ann, two Springfest freshmen, finish first and second in the 2 year old trot in 2:16.3. The three divisions of the 2 year old colts and geldings were race timed within one-fifth of a second of each other (2:09.2 - 2:09.1 - 2:09.1) - Don Richards taking 2 top honors with Ray Gilhooly and Dontgetmewrongbut, Gary Hall taking the last race with My Bill Ali.

Two repeat winners took the Thursday, July 20 3 year old trots - Bunny R in 2:07.1 Tryst Spectator in 2:06.3 (a new Bangor stake record). Three divisions of the 2 year old filly pacers saw two My Bill Forward distaffers win

Meredith My Belle in 2:07.1 and Chocky Forwood in 2:05.2. The third division went to Ann Alden in 2:05.

Friday, July 21 saw upsets in both of the 3 year old pacing filly races. Berry Persuadable upset last week's winner Charlie's Gremlin in 2:04.4. Last year's undefeated Winsong Krystle was dethroned by another My Bill Forward filly, Maewood, in 2:01, which is a new track and state stake record for 3 year old pacing fillies.

On Saturday, July 22, fans watched 2 more unexpected winners in the 3 year old colt and gelding divisions, Tom Perkins' Revenue Neutral overpowered My Bill Zak in 2:00.4 and Trusty Bad Guy won over Chinbio Knoxvel in 1:59.

Week III racing will be at Scarborough Downs.

## Week Three: Eyeing The Records

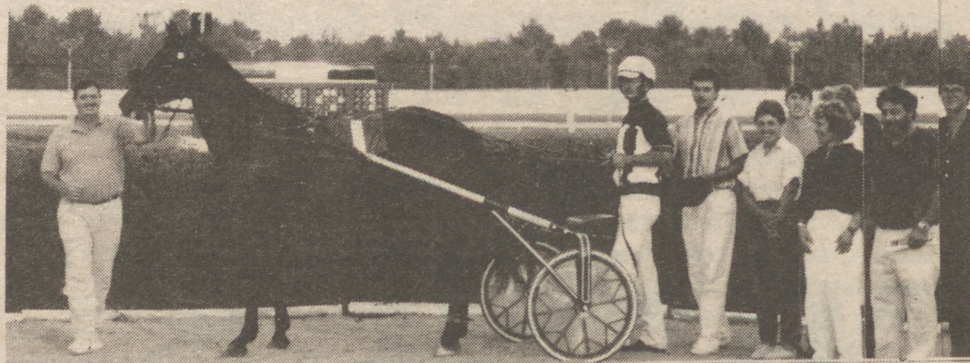
BY JEAN CHILDS

Tryst Spectator's A Sight To Behold. The beautifully gaited trotter has vision in only one eye, reportedly since birth, but he set that good eye on the Scarborough track record Wednesday night in the event for three year old Maine Stakes horses and knocked a full second off. The high stepper took Leigh Fitch as follows: 29.3 - 1:00 - 1:31.1 - 2:05.3. Alone at the 7/8 marker, he lost his concentration for a bit, allowing Bunny R and Chinbro GreenWin to pass. The "Fox" set him and they took off for the stretch race, passing both in his record-breaking finish. Owned by the family group R V Stable of Danville, VT., and Jane Vance of Gorham, Me., Tryst Spectator is three-for-three in the stakes program and Fitch says he can go in 2:00 right now!

Winsong Krystle made up for her second place finish last week by blowing away the rest of a field of three year old pacing fillies in 2:00.1, wiping out the state and track record set by Theola, Honey'Best, and Shanalou Frost. Krystle is now 14 for 15 lifetime.

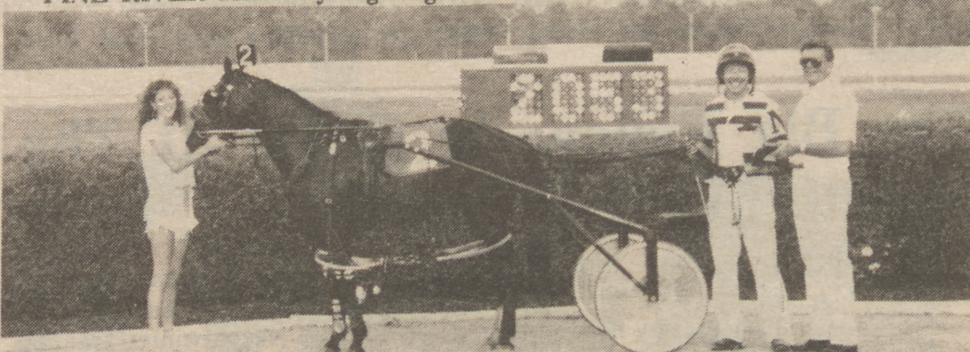


### G.M.'S SPRING by Springfest with GORDON COREY



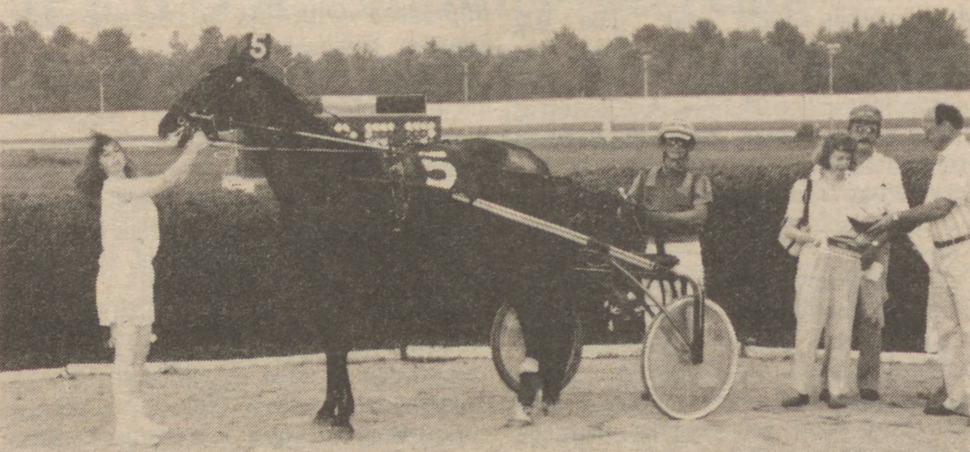
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### PINE RIVER MIKE by Big Hugh with JOHN NASON



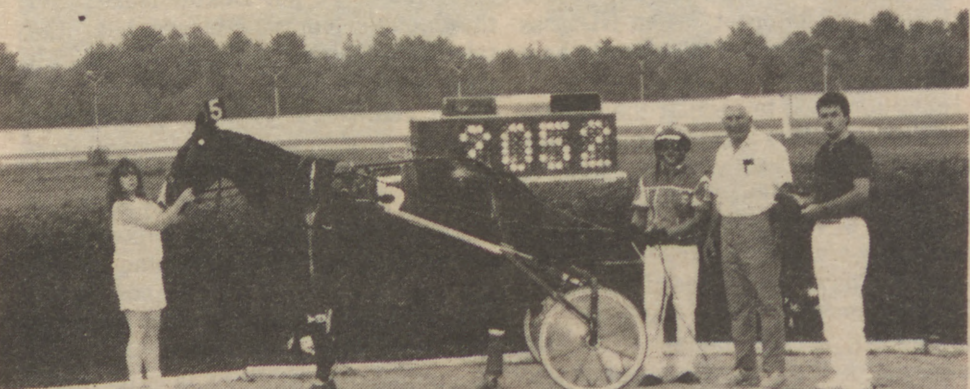
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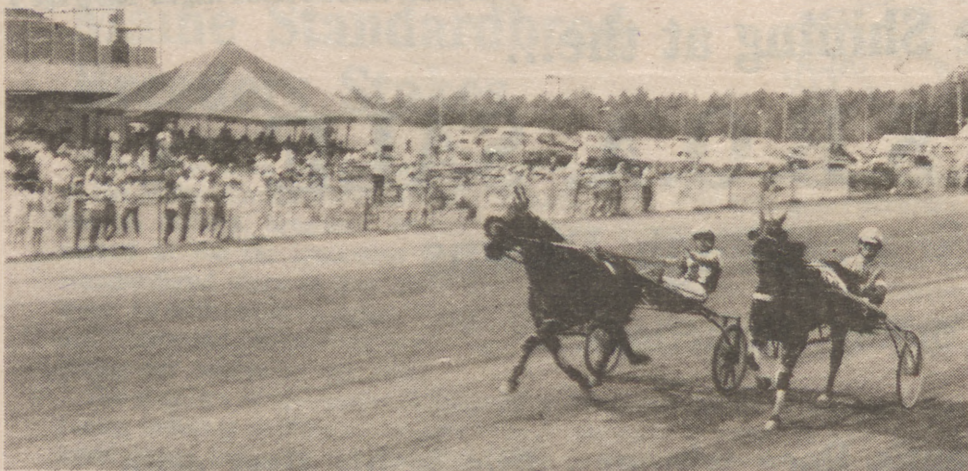
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WALTER CASE JR. wins in his own inimitable style with Hallview Power in 1:57.4 establishing dominance in the driving category.

## Walter Case, Jr. On top In Downs Driving Standings

BY K.C. JOHNSON

Walter Case, Jr., who easily took the 1988 Downs driving championship, extended his margin to an unprecedented ninety-five victories over his nearest competition in downs driving standings at the end of July. As of July 30, Case had taken 167 trips to the Downs winners' circle, easily eclipsing the second-place total of Leigh Fitch, who had amassed some 72 victories. Case totaled 88 victories for the month of July (one less than he had in May and June combined), and concluded the month with two five-victory programs in the last three nights. The Lisbon Falls resident won all individual week driving races during the month as well, scoring 24, 14, 20, and 20 win week, during the four complete weeks of July racing. Fitch, who spent a good part of the month at Bangor, had only 14 wins for the month, but still retained a firm hold on second place based on his strong month of June.

A most interesting battle has developed for third place in the Downs driving standings, with Greg Bowden riding a strong final two weeks to open up a six-win margin of Jim Hardy. Bowden, who tied Dave Ingraham for second place in the July monthly standings with 28 wins apiece, had 15 trips to the winners' circle in the last twelve July racing dates, and he totaled some 45 wins at the end of the month. Hardy, with 22 victories for the month, held down fourth place with 39 total victories, while John Nason, third at the end of June, fell to fifth at the end of July with 36 total triumphs and 14 for the month. The remainder of the top ten

included Jim Apperti, Jr., with 29 wins, Ingraham, who soared into seventh place overall (28 wins) even though he had no Downs triumphs at the end of June, Paul Battis (27 wins), Dude Goodblood (23 wins), and Greg Annaloro (21 wins).

Case also has dominated the speed wins for the meet to date. Total sub-2:00 miles at the end of July were 39, which is on pace to break the all-time Downs record of 67 sub-2:00 miles in one meeting. Case teamed the fastest winner of July, Hallview Power, to a 1:57.4 victory on July 23 (9he previously had registered the two fastest miles of the meet: Antoine's 1:56.1 and Delightful Pal's 1:57.3). For the meet, Case has reined sixteen sub-2:00 winners (including four sub-2:00 triumphs with his own Delightful Pal). Leigh Fitch and Jim Hardy are tied for second in this category with three sub-2:00 wins apiece, while Don Richards and Roland Mallar each have two. The fastest five horses of the month were Hallview Power, To The Fore (1:58 flat wire-to-wire on July 16), Sinamon's Son (1:58.1 in an impressive come from behind triumph on July 2), Race Me Sandy (1:58.2, setting a track record for three-year-old pacing colts), and Super Speedy (1:58.2 in the Legislator, making him the second fastest trotter in Downs history). Other sub-2:00 winners for the month included Laser Throckmorton (twice), Delightful Pal (twice), Jockey Shorts, Shawn, Heal B Mistifying, Make No Mistake, Skip's Chance, Bay State, Wee Skipper, Cotton On N, Dr. Longball, Gator Bob, and Diamond Sharlu.

## The 1989 Breeders Crown Series

The 1989 Breeders Crown Series will differ from Breeders Crowns of the past five years. The most significant change is the awarding of eight races, the freshman and sophomore divisions, to Pompano Park in south Florida. In an attempt to garner serious national media attention, the Breeders Crown committee voted to place the eight-race extravaganza on Friday, October 27, one week before the thoroughbred equivalent, the breeders Cup, takes place at Gulfstream Park in Hallandale.

Certainly the list of eligible three-year-olds reads like an "A" list of party invitations. Leading the pacing roster is the 1988 freshman colt champion of the year, Totally Ruthless, who missed a Breeders Crown title last year by a mere head to Kentucky Spur. He will have a chance to avenge one of his few losses last year, on the same turf, Pompano Park.

Competition for Totally Ruthless and defending champion Kentucky Spur comes in the form of Governor's Cup winner How Bout It, Woodrow Wilson winner Kassa Branca, last season speedballs Keystone Fabulous and Keystone Rambo, and the king of the New Jersey Sire Stakes, Nukes Image. In addition, colts like Keystone Sanford, and the son of the ill-fated Breeders Crown champion Naughty but Nice, Explorador, have already scored impressive wins this year. In all, 83 pacing colts are eligible to the \$365,000 (est.) event.

In the sophomore colt trot division the numbers are equally strong, with 74 colts making the March 15 payment to the \$347,000 (est.) season's-end championship. Topping that list is world champion, 1988 divisional champion, defending Crown titleholder and Hambletonian winter book favorite Valley Victory, a son of former Breeders Crown champion Baltic Speed. Peter Haughton winner Keyser

Lobell and early 1988 sensation DeMilo Hanover are counted among the eligibles. Many colts, relatively unheard from at two, will undoubtedly be coming on strong at three.

In the distaff division, the trotting filly who captured her Breeders crown in a world record 1:57.1f, a full second faster than her male counterparts, headlines the list of eligibles to the \$333,000 (est.) event. Her name is Peace Corps, and she is also a first crop offspring of 1984 champion Baltic Speed. Luckily, she cannot cross the gender lines and take on the colts in the Breeders Crown, as there is a strong contingent that feels the 1988 divisional champion could handle them with ease if she returns to her 1988 form. Should Peace Corps falter, there are 66 other fillies waiting in the wings, among them Armbruster Hintz, early season champion E.D. Kash, Canadian stalwart Peach Pit, as well as Peace Corps stablemates Express Courier and Distinction Merit.

The pacing filly ranks number 42 and the star is defending Crown champion and divisional champion Central Park West. She was the easiest of winners last year and if she improves this year will no doubt dominate her peers once again. Fillies like Keystone Wallis, Concertina and Terris S will be giving Central Park West a battle for supremacy, as well as fillies that will appear as contenders at three.

In all, 266 sophomore colts and fillies were made eligible to the Breeders Crown extravaganza at Pompano on October 27. The cast is assembled for the finest night of competition harness racing has ever seen. Interest is running high already, not just in this country but overseas. Both intercontinental simulcasting and televising the events to several European countries is already being explored. In this country, the races will featured on a three-hour live telecast on the nation's premier cable sports network, ESPN.

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The annual summer meeting of the Pompano "snowbirds" was held at Maidstone Pond in Vermont. Attending (l. to r. Front row) Noella Proulx, Aime Choquette (America's guest), Pat Hall (hostess), Jackie Brown and Ralph Buck. (Second row) Ellen Harvey, Ken Brown, Nonie Lavin and granddaughter, Jean Wiscnowski, Trudy Philbin and Signa Buck. (Third row) Mike & Linda Lavin, Roger Proulx, Jim Harvey, Vic Lavin and Joe Hall, host. (Back row) Chet Emerson, Doug Hutchins and Chink Wiscnowski.





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## A Trip To Russia

In an exchange of hospitality the following recently toured Russia.

Our group of Harness Representatives Del and Mary Lib Miller, Doug and Ada Jean Ackerman, John and Nancy Cashman, Nancy Burdick, Jim Caffrey, Howard Beissinger and Dean Hoffman left JFK at 5:30 p.m. July 6 and arrived in Moscow at 10:30 a.m. July 7. We were met and taken to the SovetKazsa Hotel, a hotel for foreign diplomats and invited guests of the U.S.S.R. In our case we were guests of the Agriculture Ministry, under which all horse related matters are assembled.

After a luncheon party, at which vodka toasts were prominent, we had about two hours rest and then it was off to the Moscow Circus for an evening performance. The circus is not glitz like Ringling, instead it has one ring and extremely talented trapeze artists fly over head, followed by marvelous jugglers and horseback riders. A great night.

Saturday was a race day. The American drivers drew for horses as did the also visiting German drivers and the Soviet hosts. Doug Ackerman won one race Beissinger was second in another and Del Miller who had serious traffic problems was out of the placings in both heats.

The Moscow Hippodrome consists of a 160 year old monumental grandstand with what could be called clubhouse facilities situated in the upper reaches. Lunch and vodka was available all afternoon with TV's for race watching. There are 3 tracks. The soft outside track is for thoroughbreds, the middle track is a sort of limestone for the trotters and the inside track for jogging and for the judges car that goes around with those racing.

Sunday's racing followed the pattern of Saturday's including the luncheon and vodka. Each day there are about 15 races, of which 3 are thoroughbreds.

We saw a U.S. bred horse Sorrento

(Noble Victory—Flouridate—Great Lullwater) who it is felt could compete in the U.S. Sorrento is a nicely finished horse about whom, in spite of his laying over a Russian field, I would enjoy seeing tested against our top trotters.

We were royally entertained and had something planned for us every waking minute. Visits to Red Square, many museums, top stud farms, picnic on the banks of the Moscow River, a trip to Moscow University and the Olympic stadiums, ski jumps and sports complex and enjoyable fun filled nights for dinners and dancing. All with toasts of vodka and champagne to our friendship.

The people speak openly and critically of their leaders and feel that the arms race and space efforts have drained off money that could have been better used for consumer goods.

The lack of stock in the stores is very noticeable and the clothing situation is acute. Shortages of soap, meat and vegetables (except tomatoes and cucumbers) are part of Soviet life.

We were provided with the use of 2 vans and a private car, with drivers all of which made our sightseeing very enjoyable. A visit to the Moscow subway was most enjoyable for its cleanliness, speed of trains (41.4 mph) and passenger safety.

The overall feeling is that these people yearn for friendship and knowledge. Their equipment is not very good and the harness and bikes are not in a class with any of ours. They need some class stock from which to improve the breed. As horsemen, their horses are well broken, and perfectly manered.

In one area, artificial insemination, some of our group felt they were ahead of us.

All in all a most enjoyable and instructive trip.

If you get a chance to go don't miss it.

Notes By Jim Caffrey



Jim Caffrey poses by the Moscow River with the Kremlin in the background.

## European Harness Racing: Pacers Need Not Apply

North American harness racing features competition of standardbreds at two different gaits - the trot and the pace. But in Europe and the Scandinavian countries, it's a different story.

Overseas, they race only trotters. That is probably the biggest difference between harness racing here and over there. "Pacers need not apply for a job in Europe," said Dean Hoffman, Executive Editor of Hoofbeats magazine and a keen observer of European racing. "It's a matter of tradition."

Another difference is that big stakes money in North America is offered in races for young horses, primarily two and three-year-olds. Million Dollar Babies stakes on July 28 and the Meadowlands Pace on July 14 at the Meadowlands are prime examples.

In Europe, big purse money is available for the older horses, while youngsters there can bank relatively small amounts. "They give their horses more time to mature in Europe," Hoffman said, "and by putting the emphasis on racing older horses, you'll find they have horses racing year after year, rather than disappearing to the breeding shed or breaking down and no longer being able to race after a couple of years."

"That's why so many of their top horses are heroes in those countries. They've had time for a fan base to build up, and they develop a following just like any other sports star," Hoffman observed.

In North America, all but a handful of harness races are conducted at a mile. Europe offers a variety of distances, with the most popular being 2000 meters, which is roughly a mile and a quarter.

"A variety of races takes some of the predictability and monotony out of racing, and it also allows horses to fit in different categories, such as being known as a sprinter or an endurance horse," Hoffman said.

"Europeans consider from 1600 meters (a mile is 1609 meters) to 2000 meters a sprint; from 2000 to 2400 meters (1½ miles) a middle distance race; and from 2400 to 3200 meters (2 miles) a distance race."

While races in North America are started behind a moving starting gate, that is not always the case overseas. While most are started with a mobile gate, sometimes a standing or walk-up start is used. Standing starts are used to handicap a race by giving the less-talented horses a head start, much the way thoroughbred handicap races as-

sign higher weight to the better horses.

The differences between standard racing here and overseas go beyond logistics. Meadowlands' leading driver John Campbell, who won the 1988 Elitlopp in Sweden with Mack Lobell, observes that "the fans over there are very enthusiastic and very knowledgeable. They are also very tolerant of trotters, while here they're not."

"During the race, you don't see the movement in the order of horses that you do here," he said. "Whatever horse makes the lead will usually stay there for most of the race. The other drivers don't let you go to the front, and then come back in again."

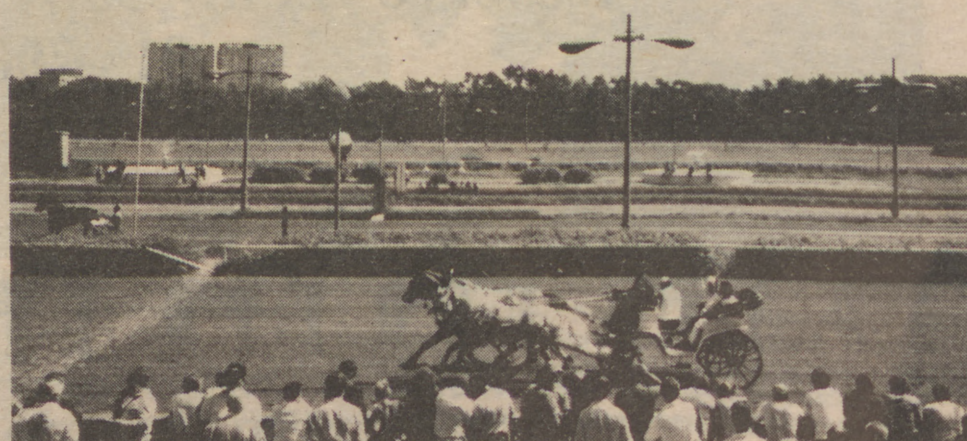
Per Henriksen, a Norwegian trainer who moved to the United States in 1979, found that American horsemen and fans often have their minds on money when it comes to racing. "The first thing I noticed when I came here was that racing is a business. At home, it's a sport. It's the same thing with the fans. Over there, fans will yell for a horse or a driver, where here they yell for what is going on."

Henriksen, who trained 1986 Hambletonian winner Nuclear Kosmos, said he thinks the reason that Scandinavina and European trainers dominate the trotting ranks here is that they are used to dealing with less talented horses in their home countries. "In Europe, we used to have a bunch of half-bred horses to work with, and we had to find all different kinds of ways to make them trot. Having had all those bad-gaited horses, we're benefitting now when we get to work with good horses," he said.

Henriksen, like Hoffman, also pointed out that horses have much longer racing careers overseas. He said he would like to see more big money races for older horses here, to make it profitable for owners to keep their horses racing rather than retiring them to the breeding shed.

Keeping the older horses racing would do harness racing a world of good, he said. "When you have older horses that travel around and race at different tracks, say fans saw the battle between Jaquar Spur and Matt's Scooter at a track this year, they'll remember a race like that."

"If those fans had a good time and saw a good race, whether their horse won or lost, if you bring those horses back to that track again next year, those people are going to come out and see them battle each other again."



The visiting group enjoyed Troika rides between races.





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## WHAT A STORY!

BY BOB LOWELL

Scenic Regal, the aged trotting queen, and her driver Harold Story, dean of the harness drivers, command respect.

Story, racing's larger-than-life legend, occupied center stage in the paddock at Scarborough's \$40,000 Legislator Trot last month. A tobacco-chewing, 70-year old salt who sells mules and coon dogs, could rival the fictional horse-trader David Harum.

Quick witted like a Will Rogers, Story would never have trotted out of the pages of Damon Runyon because no writer would have enough imagination to invent a Harold Story.

The ageless Story, who has long raced top horses, was destined perhaps in Scenic Regal to rise to the heights of fame. At Scarborough, Story tells the Northeast Harness News about the famous mare, who for the past two seasons was voted trotting mare of the year.

She came to Story's hands as a three year old filly with a two year old record of 2:04. He remembers, "My son George said 'We're going to buy her if we have to give \$100,000.'" The filly was purchased at a price \$49,000 according to Story. Owned by New Englander, Terry McGee, of Marlboro, Massachusetts, the classy trotting lady has earned \$660,000, under Story's guidance and sports a record of 1:57.4.

Raised on a dairy farm and still residing in Argyle, New York, which he hails as "Center of the Universe", Story states, "You can start there and go anywhere in the world."

And he has. Driving Scenic Regal to thirty wins in 1987 and 1988, Story's itinerary included victories in both Sweden and Finland.

A battle-hardened veteran, Story left his home town during World War Two for duty with the Army. Leaving Argyle, which he says is not big enough for a post office, Story underwent commando training and shipped out for the eastern hemisphere and was at Guadalcanal.

Earning a Purple Heart on the sands of the South Pacific, Story relates, "I was once wounded and left for dead."

A tough survivor, Story claims that "cutting hay all day" and driving to Yonkers for night harness racing keeps him young.

He remembers one amusing incident at Yonkers when his tobacco pouch fell on the track while warming up. He says, "When I reached down from the bike to pick it up, my mare stepped over the hubrail." Even though he quickly rectified the situation, the judges scratched her for leaving the race track. Story adds, "and I was the favorite, too."

While telling the Scenic Regal story, a well-wisher walking past asks, "Can you win today Harold?" Story quickly responds, "I wish they would let me win, but I can't promise you that."

Story continues, "She jogs three miles daily and she doesn't hurt herself." Story points out, "That's why she has lasted so long." Story proudly tells us that the seven-year old mare has won twelve races in 2:00 or faster on a half mile track, and six times in 2:00.1.

The Lindy's Crown mare looks beautiful and seemed to take all the attention in Scarborough's feature race paddock in stride. With both horse and driver unaffected by all the fan hoopla, Scenic Regal has been the benefactor of Story's lifetime of horse savvy and racing experience.

Story who once trained for the legendary Aubrey Rodney, won his first race at the Old Orchard kite track. In his time with Rodney, he drove a cantankerous horse named Argo Mite. An ill-mannered, ugly horse who bit, that Rodney bought him from Ralph Baldwin. Story raced him against the top trotters of that day including Demon Hanover.

Over the years, the name Story has been associated with many a top horse. About thirty years ago, there was Mighty Tarr. Story shipped him to California by rail for a big race. He recalls, "I took him off the train in the morning and won a mile and a sixteenth race that afternoon."

Then there was Red Red Robin who took a mark of two minutes on a half mile track when it was still regarded as a miracle mile. In more recent years, there was Animal House who set a world's record of 1:56 at Saratoga. An astute judge of horses, Story once bought a colt for \$2,000 and earned \$300,000.

Last fall, the day following the March of Dimes Trot in which Scenic Regal competed, most of the drivers were probably still relishing the sweet savor of competing with the world's best. However, the next morning was business as usual for Story. Back home in Argyle, Story was asked by a customer to deliver a pair of mules seven miles back in the woods.

Adding that they had to swim a river, Story will tell you, "You name it, I've done it."

Virtually a modern-day folk hero in racing, Story remarkably over the years has continued his farming while campaigning a raceway stable. He has already baled up ten thousand bales of hay this year. Commenting that "mules are tough" he once hayed 300 acres with only one pair of mules and two work horses.

Living 25 miles from Saratoga, Story still doesn't have a telephone, but installed electricity this summer. He paid his first power bill - \$9.00 - last month.

As a teen-ager, he was at Syracuse when Greyhound and Rosalind trotted a team to a world's record. He remembers, "The grey horse dragged her through the stretch."

Speaking of the old-timers and horsemanship, Story says it is "no where near" what is used to be. Citing names of top horseman, he reels off Frank Safford, John Simpson, Delvin Miller and adds Clint Hodgkins as one of the best.

With post time nearing, Story rises from the bench where he has been holding court, puts on his black and green colors and driving helmet. While fastening his chinstrap, a fan shouts over the fence, "What's that on your chin, Harold?"



## Long Hill Jewel Takes Firecracker

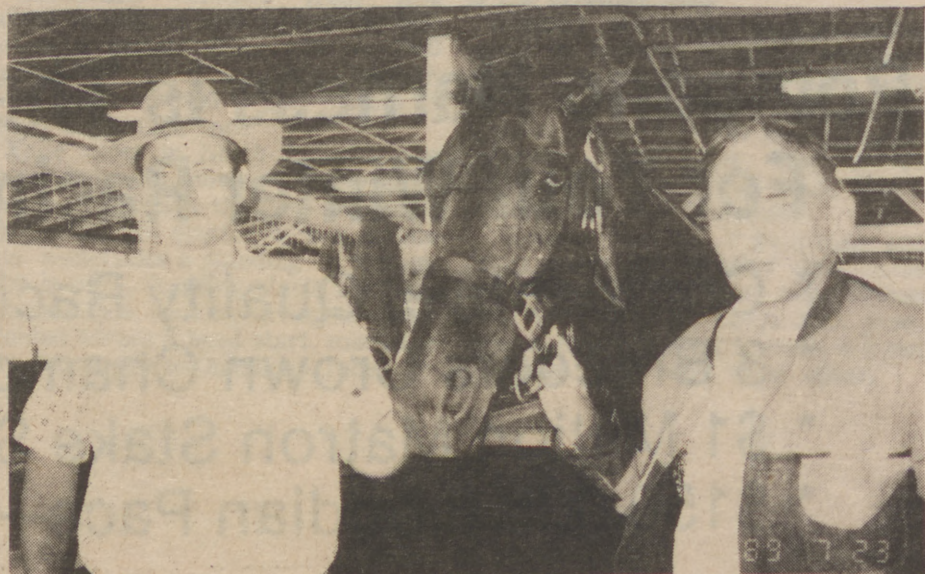
BY K. C. JOHNSON

Paul Battis and his trotting mare Long Hill Jewel (Blitzen—B.B.'s Sparkle) came from off the trot to score a mild upset in the \$5000 finals of the Firecracker Series for trotters at Scarborough on Saturday evening, July 15. The mile, timed in 2:02.4, established a new lifetime mark for the mare, who previously had competed in the New Hampshire sires' Stakes and winners-over events at the Downs.

No single trotter had staked a claim as the obviously dominant trotter in the series' two preliminary legs. The most impressive had been Bob Tisbert's Nelson Kosmos, an up-and-coming three-year-old who took the second leg with a blistering three-wide move past three-quarter in 2:01.4, but Tisbert elected to bypass the final to compete instead in the Yonkers Trot. This left Osceola as the pre-race favorite, especially after he drew the one hole for the final. Driven by Ralph Foster, Osceola scored an impressive victory in the first leg of the series beating, among others, Long Hill Jewel by a comfortable margin in 2:01.3, then the fastest mile of the year on the trot at the Downs. There were other contenders as well, however: Arnwyn and trotting specialist Don Guidette had taken a division of the opening leg, while Betty's Bein Bad out of the Tim Fenno stable had clearly established her ability when she could stay flat.

Money Mark was known for his front speed, while Battis' mare biggest handicap appeared the six hole.

The initial portions of the race went pretty much as expected: Money Mark seized the early lead, Arnwyn got away alertly and ropped in second, Osceola trotted a respectable third and Betty's Being Bad made a break which eliminated her from contention. Money Mark held a sizable advantage to the half in 1:00.3, but his margin began to dwindle past five-eighths, as Foster swung Osceola off the rail to challenge. Osceola, who did not appear as sharp as he had the previous two weeks, nonetheless pushed up to take a small lead past three-quarters, and opened up a length at three-quarters. Battis, meanwhile, had taken closer order with Long Hill Jewel past three-quarters, and had moved off the rail at seven-eighths to emerge as the prime contender. Long Hill Jewel steadily gained ground through the stretch, and came on even terms with Osceola with a stride to go before the wire. In a tight photo, Battis prevailed by a nose, with Osceola second and Money mark a well-beaten third towards the inside. Arnwyn held off Kelvin Lobell for fourth, while Sir Ike and Betty's Bein Bad were never factors. Long Hill Jewel, the second-longest shot on the board, returned \$35.20 to win.



Owner, Terry McGee and the legendary Harold Story in the paddock with the world-famous trotter, SCENIC REGAL

Wiping his chin, Story dryly responds, "Is it tobacco juice?"

A grenadier from the old gendarmierie, last season at 69 Story drove 105 winners and went into the current season with 2,800 victories. In addition to his exploits in 1988 with Scenic Regal, he won a division of the Gaines Memorial with determined Chase.

Befittingly, this season he was honored with induction to the New York Hall of Fame.

Whether it's riding a bicycle backwards or driving a horse standing up in the bike, Harold Story is a one-of-a-kind showman and horseman. Looking back over his career, he says, "I've been fortunate."

Racing has been fortunate to have had Harold Story. Somewhere down the road a few decades, a top horseman, when he reminisces, will say something like "When I was a boy, I saw Harold Story and Scenic Regal."



# New England Sulky Championships

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To: NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN,

Due to the lack of sire stakes program in New England the board of directors of the New England Sulky Championships have opened up the Sulky Championship to all New England breds.

## N.E.S.C. Conditions And Payment Schedule For 1989

### CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

All stallions standing in the six New England States (Me-Ma-NH-Vt-Ct-RI-) WILL be eligible to the N.E.S.C. beginning with the 1989 breeding season.

Stallions that were not eligible at the beginning of the 1989 season, (Stallion registration due Jan. 1, 1989 Fee \$50) because of no sire stakes program in their states will have the opportunity to make their stallions eligible to the program

Sponsor: N.E.S.C. (New England Sulky Championships)

For: Three year olds sired by stallions standing in the six New England States

(Maine-Massachusetts-New Hampshire-Vermont-Connecticut & Rhode Island)

The Sire must be registered with N.E.S.C.

In addition the Dam must be registered with the N.E.S.C.

Yearling Nomination: Due May 15-Fee-\$25

Future Payments: 2-year-old sustaining fee due March 15 Fee-\$100

3-year-old sustaining fee due Feb. 15-Fee-\$200

Declaration Fee-\$200

Future Eligibility: 2-year-old payment needed to retain 3-yr-old eligibility.

3-year-old payment needed to race as 3-yr-old

Late Payments: Late payments are accepted up to sixty (60) days after due date at penalty of three (3) times applicable fee.

Eligibility Defined: To be eligible the Sire & Dam must be registered with N.E.S.C.

Stallion Registration: Due Jan. 1-Fee-\$50

Mare Registration: Due Sept. 15-Fee \$15

To Be Raced At And When: Discretion of Board of Directors

by registering their stallions by Sept. 15, 1989 at a fee of \$50. This is also the due date for the mares (Mares \$15 due Sept. 15, 1989). Your foals of 1990 will then be eligible to the 1993 3-yr-old Sulky Championship event.

We guarantee that the N.E.S.C. will not interfere with any Sire Stakes program. Our race will take place when all Sire Stakes program are done. Any further information please call 1-207-698-1302.

Racing Conditions: To be determined by Board of Directors.

Purse Division: -50%-25%-12%-8%-5%

Post Position: All positions will be drawn by lot

Distance: Each race will be one dash at one mile.

To Start: All horses must be qualified to track standards;

Regulations: Rules of the State Racing Commissions where races are held and the rules of the U.S.T.A. will apply to govern any contingency not covered by the conditions herein outlined.

Cancellation: Should any conditions prevent the racing of these stakes, all purse money will be pro-rated to the horses remaining eligible at the time of cancellation, with exception of track added and commercial sponsor's money. Postponement: In case of postponement for any reason the race schedule will be contested on the next succeeding race date.

Declaration Of Entry: Declarations for all races connected with the N.E. Sulky Championships will be as customary at sponsoring track.

Sulky Championship Purses: These purses will consist of sustaining fees-track bid money and commercial sponsorship money 33 1/3 of all available purse money will go to the three year old trot. 33 1/3 will go to the filly pace and the same to the colt pace.

## NEW ENGLAND SULKY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mare Registration 1989 Due Sept. 15, 1989 - Fee \$15

Requirements: Mare must be registered year of breeding to a registered N.E.S.C. stallion.

Mares Name	Stallion Bred To	Standing (State)
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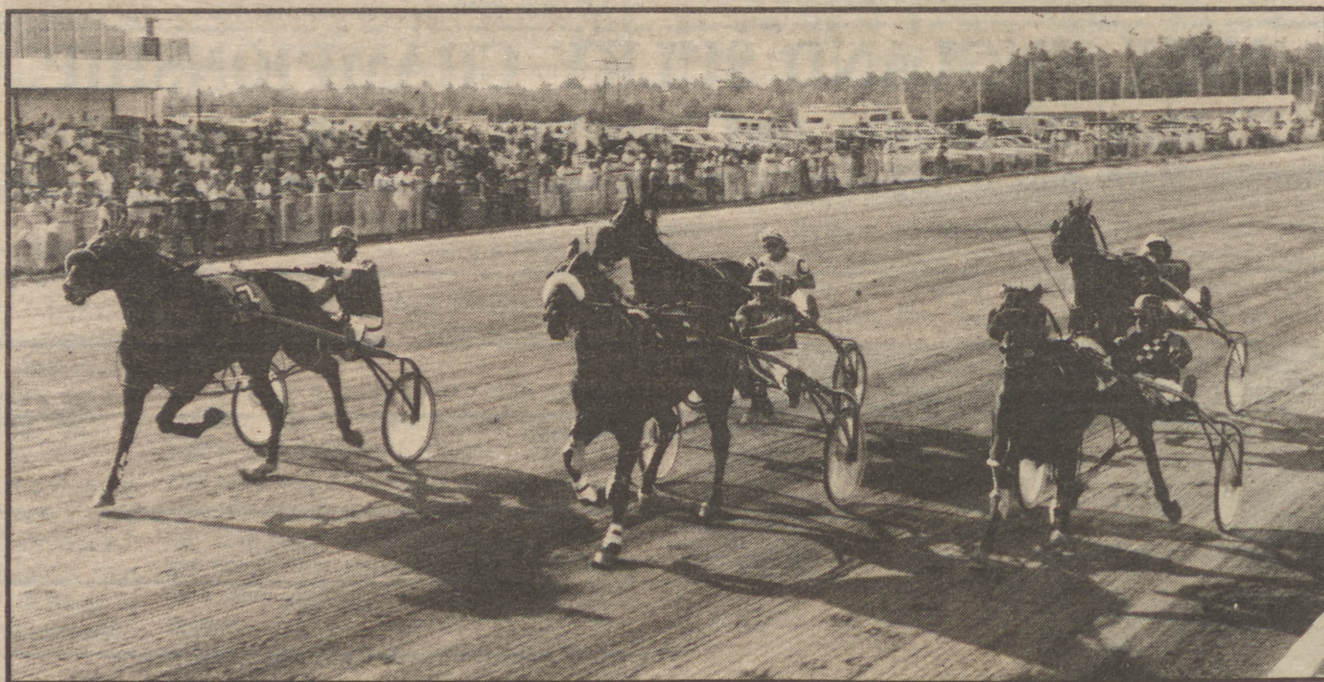
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